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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 17, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00182

For Exemption from Physical
Collocation at its Appalachia,
Driver, Swords Creek, and
Westover Central Offices

ORDER

On September 6, 2002, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for exemption (hereinafter "Application") from the requirement to provide physical collocation in its Appalachia, Driver, Haysi, St. Paul, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices. On October 30, 2002, Verizon Virginia withdrew its request for exemption for its Haysi and St. Paul central offices.

On September 17, 2002, the Commission entered a Preliminary Order granting interested parties an opportunity to comment on Verizon Virginia's request and further directed the Commission's Staff to investigate the requests for exemption and file a report.

On November 8, 2002, the Staff filed its report in this case. Based upon its investigation, the Staff recommends that Verizon Virginia's requested exemptions for its Appalachia, Driver, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices should be granted, provided that the exemptions for these central offices terminate once space becomes available through the removal of equipment or when building additions are completed.

No comments were received, and Verizon Virginia did not respond to the Staff's Report.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the Application, § 251(c)(6) of the Act, the Commission's Collocation Rules, and the Staff Report, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Verizon Virginia's request for exemption from the requirement to provide physical collocation at its Appalachia, Driver, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia's request for exemption from the requirements to provide physical collocation at its Appalachia, Driver, Swords Creek, and Westover central offices is hereby granted.

(2) This case shall remain open for any subsequent requests to terminate the exemptions that may be necessary in the future.